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51. Mine Fields:

- a. Various reports from fishermen indicate the presence of mines solidly anchored by steel cables at two-three meters below the surface of the sea. The mines have the size and shape of gasoline barrels, and are provided with firing devices. According to these reports, one of these mined zones extends from about half a mile east of the extreme point of the Susak Island towards Ilovic Island, as far as midway between the two islands. From this point, the mined zone proceeds for about three miles in a west southwest direction.
- b. From the shores of the town of Canidole Piccolo the mined zone extends for about a mile southwards.
- c. The waters around Unije, Galjola and Levrera Islands, especially between the Galjola and Zecovo Islands, are infested with many mines of the above-described type. It is believed that another zone very strongly mined is that extending east of Fallazziole, a rock located east of Mali Losinj.
- d. No mines are reported in the Unije and Losinj canals.
- e. Bocca Falsa Area: In this zone there is a mine field which was made by the Germans about the beginning of 1944 to prevent any landing. There are about 50 meters laid in a northeast-southwest direction, and about 100 meters in a northwest-southeast direction. The mine field is surrounded by a barbed-wire fence about 20 centimeters high. It is believed that the Yugoslavs have never cleared this mine field.
- f. Valdarche-Valdisole Area: This field, measuring between 100 and 150 meters in width, was also prepared by the Germans. After an attempt of clearing this mine field, which cost the lives of about 200 German prisoners of war because of the lack of mine detecting implements, the Yugoslavs abandoned it.

2. Patrol Service at Losinj Island:

Two MAS boats of American type, well armed and provided with search lights, patrol the coasts of the Losinj Island. These MAS, about 15-16 meters long,

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have a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour. Normally they lay at anchor opposite the Port command of Mali Losinj. They are used for day and night duty.

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